(*a*) the actual percentage of authors of Vernacular books who are residents of Trivandrum and suburbs, in relation to the total number of such authors in the State, whose works have been prescribed as text-books by the Travancore Text-Book Committee; and

(*b*) the special reason, if any, why the number of such authors from the metropolis of the State is larger than those from any other locality in the country?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) It is not possible to furnish the information, as the period for which the information is required has not been specified. Information regarding the residence of the various authors of Vernacular books in the State is not readily available.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

Appeal Cases filed in the Quilon and Kottayam District Courts from the decisions of certain subordinate courts.

234. **MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of cases taken in appeal to the District Court, Quilon, from the Munsiffs' Courts of Chengannur, Adur, and Mavelikara, respectively, and to the Kottayam District Court from Tiruvalla, in each of the years 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102 and 1103?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The statement* required is laid on the table.

Bridges on the Chengannur-Aranmula road.

235. **MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware:

(i) that the road running from Chengannur to Aranmula is daily becoming more and more important as it is now used even for motor traffic;

(ii) that, during the rainy season, traffic along this route becomes impossible owing to the presence of canals which require to be bridged over; and

(iii) that several representations have been made to the Government by the people in the matter of constructing bridges over the canals?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (i) Yes.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) Yes; administrative sanction has been given for construction of bridges at Ayikad and Kozhipalam.

Repairing the Road from Chengannur to Mannar via Pandanad.

236. **MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware:

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[Mr. Tamarapallil Kochutomman.]

(*a*) that the road running from Chengannur to Mannar *via* Pandanad is still lying in the same condition as when damaged by the heavy floods of 1099; and

(*b*) that this road runs between two thickly populated centres of the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The damage caused to the road by the floods of 1099 were remedied, but some more breaches occurred in 1102 owing to the floods of that year. The Chief Engineer reports that the people themselves have promised to close those breaches.

(*b*) Yes.

Grant of hill allowance to certain subordinates in the Munsiffs' Courts at Kanjirapalli and Kottayam.

237. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the reason why the Amins and the peons in the Kanjirapalli Munsiff's Court are given hill allowance, while the clerks are not given the same?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to state the reason why the Amins and peons in the Kottayam District Court are not given hill allowance?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Because the clerks, unlike the Amins and peons, have not to go to the hills in the discharge of their duties.

(*b*) As the Amins and peons of the Kottayam District Court have to go to the hills only on rare occasions, they are not given hill allowance.

Construction of the Mulakkanchira todu.

238. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that heavy damage is caused to paddy cultivation for want of proper drainage in the Kuzhimattam and other fields in the Panachikkadu pakuthi of the Kottayam taluk;

(*b*) whether the local people have requested them to construct the Mulakkanchira *todu* both for drainage purposes and for the improvement of means of communication; and

(*c*) if so, whether they have taken any action in the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The people have been petitioning about the want of proper drainage.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The petitions were referred to the Chief Engineer.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): May I know the year in which the latest petition was presented to Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am unable to say which was the earliest petition.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): May I know whether any reply has been received from the Chief Engineer?

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